

**Amendments to the Claims**

**1-4. (Cancelled)**

**5. (New)** A method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile, said molding composite comprising a surface layer (11) and a foam layer (12), comprising the steps of:

providing the surface layer (11) comprising a surface layer of a polypropylene resin (11a) having a grain pattern and a laminate of a cushioning material (11b), wherein the cushioning material (11b) is a polypropylene resin expanded sheet having a compressive hardness of 0.1 MPa or higher and a melting point of 130°C or higher,

providing thermoplastic resin expanded particles, comprising a core made of a polypropylene resin and being in an expanded state, and a polyethylene resin coat covering the core and being in a substantially non-expanded state, wherein the polyethylene resin of the coat has a melting point of 125°C or lower and of 10°C or lower than the melting point of the polypropylene resin constituting the core,

placing the surface layer (11) in a mold,

filling the thermoplastic resin expanded particles on the cushioning material (11b),

heating the thermoplastic resin expanded particles at a heating temperature lower than a melting point of the polypropylene resin of the core, higher than a melting point of the polyethylene resin of the coat and being 130°C or lower, to generate the foam layer (12) and to fusion-bond the foam layer (12) and the cushioning material (11b), and

obtaining the polypropylene resin molding composite having a grain pattern on the surface layer of the polypropylene resin (11a).

**6. (New)** A method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile, said molding composite comprising a surface layer (11), a foam layer (12), and a base member (13), comprising the steps of:

providing the surface layer (11) comprising a surface layer of a polypropylene resin (11a)

having a grain pattern and a laminate of a cushioning material (11b), wherein the cushioning material (11b) is a polypropylene resin expanded sheet having a compressive hardness of 0.1 MPa or higher and a melting point of 130° or higher,

providing thermoplastic resin expanded particles, comprising a core made of a polypropylene resin and being in an expanded state, and a polyethylene resin coat covering the core and being in a substantially non-expanded state, wherein the polyethylene resin of the coat has a melting point of 125°C or lower and of 10°C or lower than the melting point of the polypropylene resin constituting the core,

placing the surface layer (11) and the base member (13) in a mold,

filling the thermoplastic resin expanded particles between the cushioning material (11b) and the base member (13),

heating the thermoplastic resin expanded particles at a heating temperature lower than a melting point of the polypropylene resin of the core, higher than a melting point of the polyethylene resin of the coat and being 130°C or lower, to generate the foam layer (12), to fusion-bond the foam layer (12) and the cushioning material (11b) and to fusion-bond the foam layer (12) and the base member (13), and

obtaining the polypropylene resin molding composite having a grain pattern on the surface layer of the polypropylene resin (11a).

**7. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein the polyethylene resin coat is a polyethylene resin that substantially exhibits no melting point.

**8. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the polyethylene resin coat is a polyethylene resin that substantially exhibits no melting point.

**9. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein the thermoplastic resin expanded particles have an average particle diameter of 1.5 to 4.0 mm.

**10. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the thermoplastic resin expanded particles have an average particle diameter of 1.5 to 4.0 mm.

**11. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein the particles are heated by steam.

**12. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the particles are heated by steam.

**13. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein the polypropylene resin expanded sheet has a thickness of 1 to 4 mm.

**14. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the polypropylene resin expanded sheet has a thickness of 1 to 4 mm.

**15. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein the polypropylene resin expanded sheet has an expansion magnification of 10 to 30 times.

**16. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the polypropylene resin expanded sheet has an expansion magnification of 10 to 30 times.

**17. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein the polypropylene resin of the core and/or of the surface layer is at least one resin selected from propylene homopolymer, ethylene-propylene random copolymer, ethylene-propylene block copolymer, ethylene-propylene-butene random terpolymer, propylene-vinyl chloride copolymer, propylene-butene copolymer, and propylene-maleic anhydride copolymer.

**18. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the polypropylene resin of the core and/or of the surface layer is at least one resin selected from propylene homopolymer, ethylene-propylene random copolymer, ethylene-propylene block copolymer, ethylene-propylene-butene random terpolymer, propylene-vinyl chloride copolymer, propylene-butene copolymer, and propylene-maleic anhydride copolymer.

**19. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 5, wherein said molding composite is recyclable.

**20. (New)** The method for producing a polypropylene resin molding composite for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein said molding composite is recyclable.